

WHEN THE XMAS TABLE IS SPREAD

and everybody, from Tiny Jim to Grandpa, is seated around the big, white, well laden table you'll be more than glad if everything is fresh, crisp and from a clean, sanitary store, and **THAT'S WHERE I SHINE!**

I devote particular attention each day to the personal selection of the really, truly fresh vegetables that the same day find their way to your home. That's why for Christmas folks will come to Wetzler's to get the appetizing things of all kinds to grace their holiday tables.

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the wonderful selection of fine vegetables that will make your family smile if you buy at Wetzler's.

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the luscious kind so necessary to your Christmas table, and these bright red real

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can't help but make a big hit on Christmas day. Among the appealing vegetables you may select here are Sweet Potatoes, Artichokes, Parsley, Cauliflower, Turnips, Tomatoes, Beans and Peas and Lettuce.

And for Yuletide we have some particularly fine looking, fine tasting **CANDIED CHERRIES** and **CANDIED PINEAPPLES**

Among the fresh fruits that you'll want to select for your table are some real good Grapes, Bananas, Apples, Oranges and Persimmons. Lest we forget those all important things, that helped make Christmas the day it is, we have some good

MINCE MEATS and PLUM PUDDINGS

that really compare with the kind your mother used to make. They are of the kind that make your mouth water for more and more.

Another important thing for you to know is that we have

PLENTY OF FRESH OYSTERS

For Christmas time we have exceedingly well supplied our store with **NUTS, MIXED CANDIES, POPCORN, DATES, FIGS and RAISINS**

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at the Christmas table you should get your groceries from our clean store of courtesy and service.

AFTER THAT

you'll be glad to make me your grocer. For it is always my aim and pleasure to sell only fresh quality things, from sanitary containers or refrigerators. I am so sure I can please you that I feel that even one trial will serve to convince you.

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RED CROSS HAS ADDED 2,000 TO ITS MERCY ROLL

Third Day of Intensive Drive Adds Over 700 to List; But One Day More in Race for 3,000 Names

While it will take a mighty effort to bring in the Red Cross membership quota for the Phoenix district in the intensive drive which has but one more day to run—Monday—yet the effort put forth yesterday swelled the total for the drive to more than 2,000 names—a really splendid showing. Great credit is due the women who have worked so faithfully in the booths scattered about the downtown district. They took in over 700 names yesterday.

People realize that the Red Cross is the mercy organization looking after their own boys as well as the boys of other nations at the front in this great war. Realizing this, they are responding nobly to the call for memberships. On Monday comes the big finish for the four days of intense activity. On Christmas eve every service flag which hangs in a window in a Phoenix home of business house should have placed behind it some sort of a light to show the passers by how many hundreds of young men from this city have gone forth to fight and who may be the very ones to need the aid which only the Red Cross can give those who fall in battle.

Mesa Does Nobly

As the result of two hours work Friday afternoon and the entire day Saturday, the Mesa Red Cross chapter has doubled its membership of last year, more than 600 names having been signed to the official roster. On Monday those in charge of the membership will continue their labors, according to advices received here today, and it is expected that the present membership will be increased at least another 50 per cent.

The startling growth is the result of the campaign inaugurated by committees of the Mesa branch, headed by Dan Hibbert, chairman, assisted by Elijah Allen and Rev. Francis Blog.

Mesa women have undertaken the job of running the booths, similar to those

Dan Cupid Acts In Cahoots With One Santa Claus

Dan Cupid is a busy little god the few days before Christmas. His gifts were listed in the office of the clerk of the superior court yesterday when his deputy, J. Elmer Johnson issued the following licenses: Harry L. Osborne, 34, Phoenix and Celia Stubbs, 24, Phoenix; Marcelino C. Silva, 22, Oakland and Ethel Green Sergeant, 21, Oakland; Ray F. Dicks, 20, Phoenix and Emma Ethel Ruckman, 22, Phoenix; Frank Wason, 32, Boise and Cherry W. Booth, 33, Tucson; Charles Peterson, 28, Phoenix; Robert H. Johnson, 39, Mesa and Ora Lee Hilderbran, 24, Mesa; Tasse Cor, 31, Phoenix and Katherine Pritchett, 28, Phoenix; Sylvester D. Durfee, 35, Laveen and Lola E. Mendivil, 15, Phoenix; Diago Monrial, 48, Tempe and Marguerita Gussman, 28, Tempe; LeRoy M. Essex, Phoenix and Lillian G. White, 25, Phoenix; and D. H. Ana, 24, Phoenix and Mercedes Aros, 18, Phoenix.

in Phoenix, while the men are acting as the official "spies," appealing to all who pass along the street to join the organization.

"An occasional rebuff," says one of the boosters, "only serves to emphasize the excellent spirit displayed by the general public."

DEATH SUMMONS FATHER OF TOT KILLED BY FIRE

Grim fate took from A. E. Stafton the comforting affection of his four-year-old baby girl, but seemingly repentant it ended also, yesterday afternoon the suffering of the father, who for months has been the victim of a dread malady.

Thursday afternoon little Georgia Stafton was playing in the yard of the home at 1341 Grand avenue. Fire

SITUATION FOR CATTLE FOUND TO BE SERIOUS

Range Pasture Is Poor and Hay Now on Farm Scarcely; Says Field Agent in His Report to the Government

Full appreciation of the serious nature of the range pastures and the hay situation is shown by L. M. Harrison, field agent for the bureau of crop estimates, in the following report:

On account of the poor condition of range pasture and the small amount of hay now on farms, the livestock growers in this state are facing a shortage of feed, according to a report issued today by the local office of the bureau of crop estimates. While there is sufficient range pasture in the higher altitudes, there is a serious shortage in the lower districts, due to the drought. Stocking watering places are drying up which makes it impossible fully to utilize many pastures. The condition of range pasture December 20 is reported at 75 per cent of normal. Mohave county reports a condition of 91; Coconino, 96; Yavapai, 92; Navajo, 80; Apache, 74; Maricopa, 49; Pinal, 25; Gila, 65; Graham, 65; Greenlee, 53; Yuma, 70; Pima, 71; Santa Cruz, 92; and Cochise, 73.

Heavy shipments of hay from the principal producing sections have reduced the available surplus to the danger point. From May 1, 1917, to December 1, 1917, the Salt River valley alone shipped out about 4,500 cars, which compares with about 3,000 cars for the same period in 1916. Shipments from the Yuma valley and the Gila valley have been correspondingly heavy. Reports from correspondents indicate that less than one-fourth of the 1917 crop remains on farms at this time. County estimates of the per cent of the 1917 crop on farms December 20 are as follows: Maricopa, 15; Yuma, 25; Graham, 25; Cochise, 63; Santa Cruz, 78; Pima, 40; Greenlee, 22; Gila, 30; Pinal, 35; Mohave, 50; Coconino, 43; Yavapai, 50; Navajo, 60; Apache, 70. The total production of hay this year in the state is estimated at 58,000 tons, which compares with 641,000 tons in 1916, and 480,000 tons in 1915.

While there is a shortage of roughage in the state, there is a substantial surplus of cottonseed meal and the grain sorghums. The state food administration has taken action to prevent the exportation of cottonseed meal and hay from the state.

started in the dry goods box in which the child was hiding, and before succor could be given her the little one was burned so severely that death came within an hour.

Distracted over the heart-rending fate of the little girl, the father, who already was bed-ridden with a disease from which physicians said he could not possibly live much longer, has continued to constantly grow more hopeless, while relapses made his recovery impossible and his death a matter of hours.

Grief stricken, the mother is left alone with a girl-baby of two years clinging to her, unable to understand where her dady and her older sister have gone.

Touched by the pathos of the family circle so pathetically reduced to half, inquiries and offers of assistance are coming from all quarters of the city. The following, written by one who understands the multiplied sorrow of a trouble which comes at this season of the year, is indicative of the spirit which doubtless will be manifested by others, once they are apprised of the family's condition.

"Editor, Republican,

"Dear Sir:

"Have just read in your daily

paper of the sad case which has bereaved the parents of Georgia Stafton, and also of their destitute condition, which seems particularly sad at Christmas time.

"My husband and I would like to help them a little, and perhaps with your help a few other kindly disposed people would follow our example, if you would start a subscription in your paper we will mail you five dollars to start.

"If not, please try to send me the address of Mrs. Stafton and I will mail it to her."

The Republican has acted on the recommendation and will be glad to receive and transmit any donations which may be made. The family is without funds, and the stress of the

situation is obvious.

The funeral of Mr. Stafton will probably be held Monday afternoon. The deceased was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Wilmington, Cal. lodge. The lodge is doing what it can to relieve the pitiable plight of the grief stricken family.

FRENCH STATEMENT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

PARIS, Dec. 22.—There was lively

artillery firing last night in the region of Fayet near St. Quentin and in the Verdun region around Beaumont and Chaumes Wood, as well as in the Apremont wood sector, the war office announced today. A successful raid was carried out by the French troops near Moronvillers, in the Champagne.

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